

Application Number 09/915,939
Responsive to Office Action mailed November 1, 2005

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 1, 2005. Applicant has canceled claims 16, 17, 56, 57, 82, 96 and amended claims 2, 18, 19, 26, 27, 37, 42, 60-62, 69-72, 77, 85. Claims 2-15, 18-55, 58-81 and 83-95 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 17-23, 26-27, 37-41, 57-59, 60-62, 69-70, 77-79, 82-84, 90-92, 96 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In this amendment, Applicant has amended independent claim 2 to include all subject matter recited by allowable claim 17 and intervening claim 16. Consequently, independent claim 2 and claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten allowable claim 18 to independent form including subject matter from independent claim 2 and intervening claim 16. Consequently, claim 18 and claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten allowable claim 26 in independent form including subject matter from independent claim 2 and intervening claims 24 and 25. Consequently, claim 26 is in a condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten allowable claim 27 in independent form including all subject matter from independent claim 2 and intervening claims 24 and 25. Consequently, claim 27 is in a condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten allowable claim 37 in independent form including all subject matter from independent claim 2. Consequently, claim 37 and claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended independent claim 42 to include limitations of allowable claim 57 and intervening claim 56. Consequently, claim 42 and claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten allowable claim 60 in independent form including all subject matter from independent claim 42 and intervening claim 56. Consequently, claim 60 is in condition for allowance.

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Applicant has rewritten allowable claim 61 in independent form including all subject matter from independent claim 42 and intervening claim 56. Consequently, claim 61 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten allowable claim 62 in independent form including all subject matter from independent claim 42 and intervening claim 56. Consequently, claim 62 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten allowable claim 69 in independent form including all subject matter from independent claim 42. Consequently, claim 69 and dependent claim 70 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim independent claim 71 to include subject matter from allowable claim 69. Consequently claim 71 is in a condition for allowance.

Applicants have amended claim independent claim 72 to include subject matter from allowable claim 82. Consequently claim 72 and claims dependent therefrom are in a condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten allowable claim 77 in independent form including all subject matter from independent claim 72 and intervening claim 76. Consequently, claim 77 is in condition for allowance.

Applicants have amended claim independent claim 85 to include subject matter from allowable claim 96. Consequently claim 85 and claims dependent therefrom are in a condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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